

Franklin County Council Emergency Budget Cuts March 6, 2006  
County Commissioners Room @ 7:00 p.m.

Those present:

Martha Bergman  
Carroll Lanning  
Donald “Butch” Williams (6:19)  
Kenneth Rosenberger  
Hollie Sintz  
Jeff Koch (6:15)

Elected officials:

Robert Brack  
Louis Linkel  
Dale Maxie  
Marlene Flaspohler  
Mary Seufert

Rebecca Oglesby  
Ron Larew  
Diane Turney  
Mel Wilhelm

Franklin County Chief Deputy Auditor  
Catherine A Stockhoff

\*Catherine Stockhoff opens meeting to with the Pledge of Allegiance and calls meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. 1782 Notice

- a. Holly Sintz states we received the 1782 Notice today and the county needs to cut...
- b. Cathy Stockhoff ask Robert Brack for the amount she gave him earlier in the day
- c. Robert Brack state the amount is \$1,371,364.
- d. Robert Brack ask if this is an accurate and true figure
- e. Cathy Stockhoff says this is it “It’s in black and white”.
- f. Cathy Stockhoff lets Council know she contacted the Department of Local Government Finance and ask about the March 10 deadline to respond to the 1782 Notice. We actually have 10 days to respond however the 10<sup>th</sup> day falls on a Sunday so it reverts back to Friday
- g. Council looks over the proposed cuts from county general and Holly Sintz states that some of the proposed cuts would be paid for at of Cumulative Capital Development
- h. Mary Seufert inquires about claims submitted for the next claim cycle that has not come out of the account yet. Cathy Stockhoff states the prosecutor’s office has the same concern. Holly states the bulk of the cuts came from computer maintenance and building repair. The intention is not to cut so much you can’t run your offices. Holly also says we will have to deplete the Rainy Day Fund and borrow part of the rate from Cumulative Bridge. Cathy Stockhoff tells Holly the state said we can drop the Cumulative Bridge rate down to .0403 without it effecting Cumulative Capital Development and that would give county general approximately \$369,000.
- i. Holly Sintz ask if this is what we want to do – Carroll Lanning ask if there is any office holder that could not live with the cuts being proposed
- j. Carroll Lanning says they want everyone to be comfortable with the cuts. Rebecca Oglesby states, no one is comfortable you gave us a budget and now you are copping out. Rebecca also ask why the Health Department and the Highway are not include in the cuts
- k. Robert Brack state the Highway is its own rate and it will not help county general
- l. Diane Turney says they are not in there because they gave all they can give the last two times. Holly mentions the Health Department is also on its own rate
- m. Ron Larew wants to know why the cuts are being made now when cuts were made last fall also. Cathy Stockhoff explains not all the cuts were done in the fall.
- n. Ron questions the amount of money spent on computer maintenance and mentions how much the Extension office spends on it. The group discusses what the money pays for with that money.
- o. Cathy Stockhoff ask Rebecca if she wants to address her concern with the Rainy Day Fund
- p. Rebecca wants to now how we can appropriate money out of the Rainy Day Fund if the money is gone already
- q. Holly Sintz and Carroll Lanning both state the money is borrowed not gone
- r. Donald “Butch” Williams tells Rebecca the money isn’t gone it is borrowed and will be paid back when we get a draw this year. We haven’t had any money coming in yet this year have we Donald “Butch” Williams questions?
- s. Donald “Butch” Williams wants to know if less money is coming in to the county than previous years. Rebecca Oglesby says she will have to look back at previous years. Donald “Butch” Williams states that council needs to know what is coming in to the county
- t. Rebecca Oglesby refers to an audit report from 1999, she believes that is where the problem with the money starts
- u. Donald “Butch” Williams says that is what everyone is trying to find out – where the problem started
- v. Donald “Butch” Williams says he believes we are being punished for having a Rainy Day Fund
- w. Jeff Koch wants to know what the first line on the 1782 Notice is
- x. Cathy Stockhoff states it is the amount of money the Department of Local Government Finance says can be funded this year
- y. Jeff refers to 2005’s 1782 Notice
- z. Donald “Butch” Williams wants to know why the cut from 2005 budget to the figure in 2006
- aa. We didn’t do anything and we have to cut the 2006 budget and we had all the loans paid back says Donald “Butch” Williams
- bb. Rebecca Oglesby disagrees. Donald “Butch” Williams tells her we did “All the loans were paid back at the end of the year”.
- cc. John Estridge wants to know why Franklin County is having this problem and other counties are not
- dd. Jeff Koch says he has a meeting tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. with the DLGF and anyone who would like to go from council, office holders or commissioner are welcome
- ee. Holly says that fine but we have met with the DLGF before and haven’t gotten anywhere – However, we need to go ahead and respond to the 1782 Notice
- ff. Holly takes us back to the original cuts proposed

- gg. Donald “Butch” Williams ask if all the office holders that are present agree to the cuts
- hh. The adjustment was made to the Recorder’s cuts since she already has allocated that money to her conference
- ii. Rebecca Oglesby wants to know if the office holders have to sign off in order for council to cut this money
- jj. Donald “Butch” Williams states he wants to get things straight. “We are trying to all work here together, but by law since you brought it up no you do not have to sign off on nothing. But we are operating as a family now if they would have come in we didn’t have to call you all together but we don’t operate that way.”
- kk. Rebecca Oglesby states she just wants to make sure things are done right so in two weeks we don’t have another problem
- ll. Holly wants to know how soon the auditor’s office can do the reductions and show them it has been done and what the bottom line is after the changes
- mm. Cathy Stockhoff states the changes can be done tomorrow, but council still needs to reduce county general by the Rainy Day Fund amount
- mm. Donald “Butch” Williams states Susan Jones is running the figures for the health insurance
- nn. Holly says I move to reduce County General by \$263,430.99 using the cuts proposed, and to take \$617,058.58 of health insurance out of the Rainy Day Fund along with \$20,346.56 of property and liability out of Rainy Day Fund and \$65,421.86 of utilities out of Rainy Day Fund also to reduce Cumulative Bridge by .0403. We then need to resubmit this on the 1782 notice
- oo. Carroll seconds motion
- pp. All in favor, motion carried
- qq. John Estridge wants to know why the cuts were not made at the budget hearings
- rr. Donald “Butch” Williams answers, “From my end I wanted to make them show me we had to. Now that’s one that’s me there are six other answers here. So I am not saying that on behalf of council.”
- ss. Jeff states he wanted to see it in black and white – “This is what your budget will be”.
- tt. Jeff says he will ask the DLGF any questions anybody has if they want him to do so
- uu. Robert Brack says he wants to know about certified shares
- vv. Rebecca Oglesby wants to know if we will get rates before the budget is approved
- ww. John Estridge would like to know about the Rainy Day Fund and the riverboat money if they had anything to do with the problem
- xx. Susan Jones wants to know if the adjustment of revenue turned into the DLGF effected this years revenue
- yy. Cathy Stockhoff answers by saying, “...if I understand what you are saying we would have to cut from the 2005 budget and that would leave more of an operating balance for 2006 therefore we would not have cut as much from the 2006 budget
- zz. Susan Jones states it had to effect it somehow because the revenue should have went to the 2006 budget.
- aaa. Cathy Stockhoff states that the cut were in expenses not in revenue and those cuts were talked about but never done by council
- II. Adjourn
  - a. Carroll Lanning moves to adjourn
  - b. Kenneth Rosenberger seconds the motion
  - c. Donald “Butch” Williams – We’re outa here

Approved 03/28/06